

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 4. (canceled)

1 5. (previously presented) The shopping bag according to
2 claim 13 wherein the side panels are made of an insulating foil.

6. (canceled)

1 7. (previously presented) The shopping bag according to
2 claim 13 wherein the hand holes are each made as an opening punched
3 in the respective handle patches.

8 - 9. (canceled)

1 10. (previously presented) The shopping bag according
2 to claim 13 wherein the handle patches are welded on directly below
3 the closure.

1 11. (previously presented) The shopping bag according
2 to claim 13 wherein the handle patches are welded on together with
3 the closure.

12. (canceled)

1 13. (currently amended) A shopping bag comprising:
2 a pair of thermoplastic side panels having welded
3 together side edges ~~and bottom~~, top edges defining a fill opening,
4 inner faces turned toward each other, and outer faces turned away
5 from each other;

6 a closure having a pair of interfittable profile strips
7 welded to the inner faces of the side panels at the top edges and a
8 slider shiftable across the profile strips to fit together and
9 separate the strips; and

10 a pair of flexible thermoplastic handle patches each
11 formed with a hand [[hold]] hole and each welded at a respective
12 one of the top edges to the outer face of a respective one of the
13 side panels so as to normally extend downward away from the top
14 edge and lie flatly against the respective outer face, the patches
15 being foldable upward such that the hand holes lie above the top
16 edges in alignment with each other.